

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BISHOP J. NEAUL
HAYNES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the accomplishments of Bishop J. Neaul Haynes. A graduate of the University of North Texas, Bishop Haynes has a long-standing commitment to the ministry and the Oak Cliff community.

Prior to his appointment as Prelate of Texas Northeast Jurisdiction, Bishop Haynes served the Jurisdiction in many capacities. He became a member of the Texas Northeast Jurisdictional Trustee Board; appointed District Superintendent of the Dallas West District in 1967; began serving as Assistant to the Jurisdictional Secretary in 1969, and was appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Jurisdictional Bishop in 1973. J. Neaul Haynes was elevated to the episcopacy as Prelate of Texas Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in 1978.

Bishop Haynes also served the Church of God in Christ on a National level in varied capacities. In 1972 became a member of the National Trustee Board, and from 1972 to 1984 he served as Assistant General Secretary/Registration. In 1984, Bishop Haynes was elected to serve as a member of the General Board (Presidium) of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. He became the Secretary of the General Board in November, 1988. In November 1995, Bishop Haynes ascended to the position of Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. And in April, 1997, Bishop Haynes was further promoted to the position of First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ Worldwide. In November, 2000, the Church of God in Christ elected a new Presiding Bishop, Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson. Bishop Haynes is now serving in the new administration as the Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Haynes's community involvement and civic contributions demonstrate that he is a man of great vision and excellence.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before my colleagues on behalf of the citizens of Dallas to congratulate Bishop J. Neaul Haynes on his selfless dedication to the Saintsville Church of God in Christ and to the Oak Cliff community. May God bless Bishop Haynes and allow him to continue his service to those in need of faith, hope, and charity.

TRIBUTE TO SAINT GEORGE
ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate Saint George Romanian Orthodox Church as they join together in celebration of their 100th anniversary. The church, formerly of Indiana Harbor and now located in Lansing, Illinois, will be celebrating this exceptional milestone with festivities beginning on September 23, 2006, and continuing through the following day.

The cornerstone for Saint George's, laid in Indiana Harbor on November 4, 1906, represented the culmination of the efforts of the first Church Council, led by Father Moise Balea, President. These Council members, realizing the need for a church due to the growing Romanian population in Northwest Indiana, began fundraising efforts that eventually led to the completion of the first Saint George Rumanian Orthodox Church, dedicated on November 23, 1908, by the parish's first priest, the Reverend Father Ioan Tatu.

The Very Reverend Father Simion Mihalatian took the reins of Saint George's on June 20, 1908, and he remained the church's leader for an astonishing 55 years. Under Father Mihalatian's spirited guidance, Saint George's continued to grow. While fires posed challenges, the church continued to expand, relocating within the Indiana Harbor and adding a dining hall and, eventually, a school. Though he passed away on New Year's Eve in 1963, Father Mihalatian's impact on his parish continues to touch the lives of the members today. Father Mihalatian resonates today as a shining example of selfless service and unwavering commitment to the community.

From their modest beginnings, Saint George's has emerged as a pillar of the Romanian community. In 1976, Saint George's relocated to Lansing, Illinois, where it remains today. The move came under the leadership of the Very Reverend Father John Bugariu, who realized the need for more opportunities for its members and planned the construction of a recreation center. After serving the parish for 16 years, Father Bugariu, who had been named to the esteemed position of Archdiocesan Vicar, retired in 1979.

In 1979, Saint George's current leader, the Very Reverend Father Ioan Ionita, was named parish priest. A highly educated and esteemed member of the religious community, Father Ionita has faithfully served the parish for the past 27 years. A testament to his dedication and to the community's admiration of him, Father Ionita was appointed Vicar of the Archdiocese by Archbishop Nicolae Condrea in 2003.

The celebration of Saint George's 100th anniversary will begin on Saturday, September 23, 2006, with a hospitality night and will con-

tinue on Sunday, September 24, with a very special liturgy, presided over by Archbishop Nicolae Condrea. The liturgy will be followed by a gathering at the Wicker Park Social Hall in Highland, Indiana and will conclude with Saint George's Anniversary Banquet at the same location.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saint George Romanian Orthodox Church on their 100th anniversary. Throughout the years, the clergy and members of Saint George's have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality and guidance through the protection of the Romanian Orthodox faith and traditions.

Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our admiration.

RECOGNIZING VIRGIL REYNOLDS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Virgil Reynolds, a very special man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

I join with your family and friends in expressing best wishes on your significant achievement. I commend you on attaining such a high honor and your superior contributions to your community. Becoming recognized for your remarkable achievement reflects both your hard work and dedication. I am sure you will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Virgil Reynolds for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Virgil in the United States House of Representatives.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION COM-
MENDING VILLA PARK POLICE
DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DI-
RECTION OF VILLAGE PRESI-
DENT JOYCE STUPEGIA AND
CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN J.
PAYNE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Villa Park Police Department under the direction of Village President Joyce

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Stuegia and Chief of Police John J. Payne. The Department is constantly working to find ways to improve the level of service and renew their commitment to be better prepared to handle both manmade and natural emergencies that may arise. The September 11, 2001 attack on New York, as well as other attacks both here and abroad since then, demand that we prepare ourselves for emergency response levels that we had not previously thought necessary.

The outcome of this self-evaluation and the efforts to improve and enhance traditional police service for the community has resulted in many significant accomplishments. These changes have been implemented to create safer neighborhoods and build a more informed and involved public. A number of the community programs were made possible as a result of obtaining various State and Federal grant monies. The Police Department has been fortunate in this, as a number of these programs would not have been possible without these grant programs.

Listed below is a summary of programs that highlight what they have been working on during the last 2 years to develop useful, community orientated law enforcement programs that are relevant to the needs of the community. The members of the department have worked hard as a group to not only put these programs together, but also to see that they remain successful in their continued implementation.

Expansion of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA)—They have enhanced the academy by enrolling citizen graduates into an alumni association that receives ongoing law enforcement educational presentations.

Establishment of a Citizens Voluntary Emergency Response Team—This program educates graduates of our citizen police academy in disaster preparedness, training them in basic disaster response skills. They then have the opportunity to join a roster of volunteers that can be called upon to assist the police department as the need arises.

I.D.O.T. Mini-Alcohol Influence Grant—Received a grant in the amount of \$28,000, which allowed the department to substantially increase their enforcement efforts of the impaired driver that included public awareness education as well.

School Emergency Response Plans—Established a working forum to include the police department and all school districts located in Villa Park to establish uniform protocols to follow in case of emergencies.

Inter-operable Communications—Enhanced our inter-communications capability with local schools through radio installations at the local schools allowing for direct contact with patrol officers, as well as with surrounding area police agencies.

School Mentoring Program—Officers volunteered their time to participate in school sponsored mentoring programs to establish better relationships with school age individuals and open up better lines of communication.

National Incident Management System (NIMS)—Completed NIMS training at various levels to be better prepared for the coordinated efforts needed during times of emergency and disasters.

Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness—Provided training to all members of the Police Department to better equip them when interacting with individuals of different cultures.

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)—Became members of ILEAS, which is a state wide mutual aid/response system to provide assistance when needed. It was through this program that we sent two officers, a vehicle, and equipment/supplies to assist in Louisiana for two weeks during the Katrina Hurricane aftermath.

Tactical Weapon Acquisitions—Established membership with the Federal LESO surplus equipment acquisition program resulting in being able to upgrade tactical weapons at no cost, allowing for improved emergency response capability by our patrol officers.

Landlord Training Seminars—Established landlord training seminars to better educate landlords in the management of their property. This contributed to the reduction of gang and drug related incidents, and provided landlords with additional resources to improve the upkeep of the properties.

Operation Prom Night—Developed program Operation Prom Night, being an educational presentation; including graphic recreations of accidents to illustrate to high school level students the dangers of drinking and driving.

Senior and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Group and the Elderly Service Officers Program—The department meets regularly with community seniors to address issues pertinent to senior citizens and continue to educate them as to the scams and dangers that are often directed toward their age group. They also maintain a unit of Elderly Services Officers that involves a select group of specially trained, state certified officers to assist our elderly community. It has a number of facets related to education, crime investigations, service referrals, and well being checks.

IDOT Extra Enforcement Efforts—The Department has been recognized by IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) on numerous occasions for our enforcement efforts to increase the use of passenger restraint systems in vehicles via the Click it or Ticket Campaigns and Seatbelt Enforcement Zones. The department received a \$5,000 grant to aid us in this enforcement.

Public Education and Enforcement Research Program (PEERS)—Successful application for grant monies of \$32,000 allowed for increased education and enforcement efforts to reduce the frequency of train and pedestrian accidents. The Police Department has been recognized as being a leader in our efforts to reduce the frequency of these types of accidents. Prior to this year the department developed and implemented this program without grant money assistance.

Radio Inter-operability Enhancement Radio Grant—Participated in a competitive grant process which provided the department \$40,000 to obtain radio equipment to enhance our radio communications capabilities with other first responder agencies.

Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Award Recipient—The Villa Park Police Department was recently recognized for its efforts in addressing traffic safety issues by the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association. The department achieved first place in the 26 to 50 sworn officers' category in this highly competitive program. They were also recognized with the prestigious President's Award, which recognizes the best overall agency in the state.

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Award (AAIM)—The Department has been recently recognized by AAIM for its impaired driver's

enforcement efforts and was the recipient of the Guardian Award. This award is to recognize the highest DUI arrest rate per officer in the state. We have received awards from AAIM consistently for a number of years now.

Roadside Safety Checks—As a part of their traffic safety efforts the Police Department operates Roadside Safety Checks in Villa Park and assists surrounding law enforcement in their safety checks. These are conducted randomly throughout each year.

Child Safety Seat Education Program—The department conducts child safety seat inspections/installations any time a request is made as well through roadside drive-through operations. The officers that manage this program have specific state certification training. This program includes a means to provide seats for those parents that can not afford one.

Night Vision Grant—Obtained a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$6,000, to acquire night vision equipment to enhance enforcement efforts during times of darkness.

Operation 64—The department works regularly with a number of police departments to provide for a coordinated traffic enforcement plan throughout an 11 mile stretch of highway in efforts to reduce the high traffic accident rate.

Mobile Command Center—Acquired a Mobile Command Center through the federal LESO Program surplus acquisition program to provide enhanced emergency responses, and community event operations.

D.A.R.E.—The department has one full time D.A.R.E. program certified officer. D.A.R.E. is a program that we have been very committed to since its inception in 1987 that teaches the dangers of drugs and alcohol to school age children.

Gang Resistance Education and Training Grant (G.R.E.A.T.)—They successfully applied for a grant in the amount of \$7,800, which helps them to maintain their longstanding G.R.E.A.T. program providing increased education efforts to assist in reducing gang violence in the community.

Juvenile/Parent Traffic Notification—They are in the process of developing a parental notification system where if a minor (under 18 years of age) receives a traffic ticket, his/her parents are notified of this by certified mail.

NIPAS (Northern Illinois Police Alarm Service)—Unit is comprised of 99 adjoining communities; including Villa Park, that provide highly trained emergency service teams as well as specially trained officers to respond to civil disorders and disasters.

Railroad Safety—The department has initiated Operation Lifesaver. This provides Certified Instructors that teach a recognized course of instruction in the local school districts as well as working with public interest groups. The plan includes enforcement of railroad right-of-way trespass and gate crossing violations.

CIT—Crisis Intervention Teams—They are presently working with Mental Illness health provider groups to formally train selected officers of the department in the handling of mentally disturbed individuals. They will work as a team with the local mental health providers to improve our capabilities in recognizing and handling these types of calls.

Neighborhood Watch Groups—The department has officers assigned to assist residents to set up and maintain neighborhood watch

groups. A large part of the village now has neighborhood watch groups. Their goal is to have a group that every resident can be a part of. These watch groups act as the eyes and ears of their neighbors and the police. This allows them to meet regularly with representatives of the neighborhood to maintain open lines of communication.

Truck Enforcement—One full time officer enforces the laws regarding 2nd Division truck violations.

Major Traffic Crash Investigators—Consists of a team of highly trained officers, who received certification training through Northwestern University Traffic Institute. They are available 24 hours a day for call-out to conduct in-depth investigations on all serious personal injury and fatality crashes.

Major Crimes Task Force—They are a participating member of this multi jurisdictional task force that investigates all major crimes committed within the participant's jurisdictions.

Arson Investigation Unit—Created an Arson Investigation Unit within the police department, consisting of a state certified arson investigator. This unit also participates in a county wide arson task force.

Saved by the Belt Awards—The department recognizes citizens, who are involved in serious traffic accidents, who otherwise might have lost their lives if they had not been wearing their seatbelts.

Community Cultural Program—Local students, whose artwork is considered exceptional, can display their art in public surroundings.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership—The \$2,500 competitive federal grant program provided funds to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests for Law Enforcement Officers.

Tobacco Compliance Check Program—The department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,290 from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program to assist them in policing the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Willowbrook High School Liaison Officer—The department assigns a full time officer to the high school to work directly, on a daily basis, with school administrators and students.

Automated External Defibrillator—The department purchased automated external defibrillators that are utilized on patrol by all officers. These officers are trained in the AED's use and respond to all potential medical emergencies that have the potential for the need of this device.

School Bus Safety Plan—This program has officers randomly follow school buses along their routes taking enforcement action on vehicles that pass in violation of the bus's warning signs. Also, upon receiving vehicle information from school bus drivers on these violations, warning letters are sent out to the vehicles owners.

The Police Department has been both proactive as well as reactive in their efforts to maintain a safe community through both education and enforcement. They are now better prepared to handle emergencies, both man-made and natural, but their work is not done. They will continue to search out new and innovative ways to provide quality services to the residents of Villa Park. While they are proud of these programs and accomplishments, they remain cognizant of the dedication of the many officers that daily provide traditional patrol and investigative services to the Village of Villa Park, Illinois.

STUDENT AND TEACHER SAFETY ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Student and Teacher Safety Act.

Two days after celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, this House comes to the floor to debate a bill to limit the protections offered by the Fourth Amendment to students in our Nation's schools. This bill purports to make schools safer for our children and the employees of those schools. Instead it adds an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy that protects no one.

We make a mistake when we rely on randomized searches to prevent the abuse of drugs by children and ensure the peaceful resolution of conflict. Instead of focusing our efforts on educating our children about conflict resolution and engaging them in the decisions about their lives and futures, random searches assume all youth are the same. Searches of students' property may be right and entirely necessary in situations with reasonable evidence of wrongdoing. But randomized searches render all youth suspect and treat them as criminals. High expectations for our children may reap great rewards, but what will we sow with the expectation of deception?

We should rather focus our time and energy on equipping students with the tools and skills necessary to make responsible decisions about their lives. Our guidance must not be based on suspicion and an expectation of poor choices. An environment of distrust will not encourage students to seek out teachers or administrators when they are in trouble or need advice. It will not help students to develop strong character or stand up to negative peer pressure. Instead, it will only further isolate them from the teachers and advisors they see every day.

This bill will not make students and teachers safer. It will only create new divisions between them, I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

ROFEH RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING LEADERS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for years now I have had the honor of sharing with our colleagues the news of the awards being presented by the organization ROFEH International—New England Chassidic Center. ROFEH International is an extremely important organization helping make the first-rate health facilities that are available in Boston to people who might not otherwise be able to benefit from them. The health profession constitutes one of the great assets of Greater Boston. It is at the same time an extraordinary source of benefit to those who receive the world-class treatment that is available, a major engine for our region's economy, and through the people it employs a significant contributor to the vi-

brant cultural life of our region. ROFEH International, ably led by its founder, Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz, works closely with these institutions in many ways, and annually honors leaders in the health fields, both health professionals and those who have supported the important work that these health professionals do.

Mr. Speaker, this year the recipients are Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn and Mr. Michael P. Albert. Dr. Goldwyn receives the International Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Albert is the recipient of the ROFEH International-New England Chassidic Center "Man of the Year" award. Both are extremely well deserved, and reflect the commitment to both improving our health facilities and making them widely available that marks the work of ROFEH International.

Mr. Speaker, in the interests of sharing this news and perhaps inspiring others to take similar actions, I ask that the biographies of Dr. Goldwyn and Mr. Albert be printed here as examples of the people who work with project ROFEH and the good that they do.

ROBERT M. GOLDWYN, MD, ROFEH INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn is Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Harvard Medical School; Division of Plastic Surgery at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

Distinguished surgeon and educator, Dr. Robert M. Goldwyn has authored or coauthored more than 350 articles, more than 50 chapters and has edited many books. Dr. Goldwyn was among the first to perform experimental microsurgical transfer flaps and limb transplantation. Early in his career, he investigated the use of cryotherapy in the treatment of vascular tumors, of palliation of unresectable recurrent breast cancers of the chest wall. He developed new techniques for reduction mammoplasty, a major focus of his clinical activity. He was a founding member of Physicians for Social Responsibility and has written numerous articles on world peace, opposition to chemical and biological warfare, medical ethics, and medical history.

Awards include the Dieffenbach Medal, the Honorary Kazanjian Lectureship, the Special Achievement Award, and the Presidential Citation of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

MICHAEL A. ALBERT, ROFEH INTERNATIONAL NEW ENGLAND CHASSIDIC CENTER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mr. Albert is Chairman and CEO of Harodite Industries, Inc. He is a prominent leader in the world of business. His involvements in the New England Jewish community has been the roles he played as Past Board Member Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Past President Temple Reyim, Past President of the Board of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Boston University, Board Member American Apparel and Footwear Association, Past President Etacol International, LTD, Past Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Ben Gurion/Boston University MSG Program in Israel, Past Board Member Associates Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

The Albert family continues to make landmark contributions in every aspect of the Jewish communal life and is well aware of the valuable work of ROFEH International and its positive impact on the entire Jewish community worldwide.

TRIBUTE TO GREG COOKE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great sadness to pay tribute to my good friend and one of Texas' most outstanding public servants, Greg Cooke. Greg Cooke passed away recently at the age of 51.

Mr. Cooke served as the top ranking EPA official in the area that encompasses Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Mr. Cooke was an outstanding and dedicated citizen, and his commitment to Texas was instrumental in developing clean air plans for both Dallas-Ft. Worth and Houston-Galveston in partnership with the State of Texas. These plans contained innovative provisions that incorporated economic incentives, as well as, traditional mandatory measures. His clean air plans also included development of an innovative "compact" to facilitate early compliance with EPA's upcoming 8-hour standard for such cities as Austin and San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Cooke served as Regional Administrator of EPA Region VI for the past 4½ years. He was appointed to the post by President Clinton and was the only political appointee in the EPA retained by current President George W. Bush.

Greg Cooke exuded class—not only in the way he practiced law but also in the way he lived his life. He had a straight-ahead, just-the-facts writing style that belied his passion for environment.

Mr. Speaker, with Greg Cooke's passing, we have lost an impressive individual and a true leader. He championed the interests of Texas and environmental issues. Greg Cooke was a caring and compassionate man and a tremendous political leader and public servant. I extend my deepest sympathy to Greg Cooke's family.

TRIBUTE TO THE CROATIAN SONS
LODGE NUMBER 170**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the joyous occasion of its 99th anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, September 24, 2006.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration includes a ceremonial appreciation of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved 50 years of membership. This year's honorees that have attained 50 years of membership include: Angeli Cirrincione, Barbara Demers, Rosemary Gard, Catherine Grcevic, Catherine Jelovcic, Elizabeth Lukacek, Nikola Majetic, Margaret J. Milos, Virginia A. Mostak, Ruth Jean Mrzlak, Rudolph J. Pavletich, Sandra Louise Regan, Luandre Rozmanich, Robert Lee Scott, Ann

Louise Smoljan, Mary Ann Troksa, and Madeline Vukobratc.

These faithful and devoted individuals share this esteemed tribute with 482 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this significant designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating. The Brace Tamburitza Orchestra will perform at this gala event. A formal dinner banquet in the afternoon will end the day's festivities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in elevating the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed possibilities, admiration, and success for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

RECOGNIZING BROCK SMITH FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brock Smith, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 633, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brock has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brock has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Brock held the principal leadership position of Senior Patrol Leader and has actively supported the Southern Platte County Athletic Association in Kansas City, North.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brock Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on September 19, 2006, I was absent for votes for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted: Vote No. 451, H. Con. Res. 210 Supporting Elimination of Cancer by 2015, "yea"; Vote No. 452, H. Res. 622 Honoring Filipino World War II Veterans, "yea"; Vote No. 453, H. Con. Res. 415 Condemning the Repression of the Iranian Baha'i Community, "yea."

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
TOM MCCAFFREY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Tom McCaffrey, beloved husband, devoted musician, and teacher to so many. Mr. McCaffrey dedicated his life to encouraging and inspiring Clevelanders and brought them that which they had never felt and taught them the joy, warmth, power and strength of Irish traditional music.

Mr. McCaffrey was born in 1916, in Mohill, County Leitrim, Ireland, where he worked on the family farm until coming to America in 1955. Mr. McCaffrey was unable to resist the allure of music and at 10 years of age he took up the life and flute. After a year of flirtation with the woodwinds, Mr. McCaffrey found his true love and calling in the fiddle. For knowledge Mr. McCaffrey turned to his father, also a teacher and player of the fiddle, and sought all musicians who traveled through town. It was not long before he mastered the fiddle and with his fine, strong voice, Mr. McCaffrey was requested at local festivals and dances. In Cleveland, he teamed up with Tom Byrne, a master flute player and fellow inspirer, to record the album *Irish Music From Cleveland*. Mr. McCaffrey and Mr. Byrne had a lifelong friendship full of music and laughter.

At the age of 83, Mr. McCaffrey found his other great love, Alice Kelly. Mr. McCaffrey was known to always have a smile and story ready and never hesitated to share his wealth of knowledge or his music. Recorded at the Smithsonian Institute, Mr. McCaffrey's music will truly live on in those whom he taught and in the hearts of all that have heard him play.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Tom McCaffrey, whose smile, charm, wit, and Irish wisdom will be remembered and shared and whose memory will live in the tunes and tales. I offer my deep condolences to his wife, Alice, to all his family and friends, and to the many who have been inspired and touched by all that he has given.

PROVIDING FOR EARMARKING RE-
FORM IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of real, comprehensive lobbying and earmark reform, and in opposition to H. Res. 1000. While Republican leaders claim that this legislation is earmark reform, major loopholes in their bill allow future boondoggles like the Alaskan Bridge to Nowhere to pass through Congress without full public scrutiny. Further, the bill abandons any lobbying reform to end the Republican culture of corruption—typified by the Jack Abramoff and Duke Cunningham scandals.

The Republican majority has allowed these scandals and pet projects to run rampant, underscoring the dire need for comprehensive

lobbying reform. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, since President Bush took office, federal spending on earmarks has more than doubled—from \$33 billion in 2000 to \$67 billion in 2006. Sadly, Republicans have failed to deliver on reform. On September 5th, a USA Today editorial said, "Congress' answer to this ethics catastrophe has been a pair of competing measures in the House and Senate, which fall far short of what was promised in January but allow incumbents campaigning for re-election to claim they 'voted for lobbying reform.'"

The reality is that H. Res. 1000 will not save one taxpayer dollar, will not remove a single earmark, and does not cover all earmarks. This sham reform bill is solely a symbolic effort to hide the fact that the Republican Majority has failed the Nation on fiscal matters.

I join my Democratic colleagues in supporting a true, comprehensive lobbying reform bill that would ban travel on corporate jets, prohibit lobbyist gifts, slow the revolving door between Capitol Hill and K Street, shut down the K Street project in which jobs in lobbying firms were traded for legislative favors; shine the light on earmarks so that special interest provisions cannot be slipped into bills without public scrutiny, and put an end to some of the procedural abuses that have flourished in the Republican-controlled House.

Democrats are fighting for these comprehensive reforms to ensure that Congress is held to the highest ethical standards. Corruption has come at great cost to the American people—from the cost of prescription drugs to the price at the pump.

Mr. Speaker, my fellow Democrats and I are fighting for a new direction, because Americans want and deserve the real reform that restores accountability, honesty and openness in Washington.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6061, SECURE FENCE ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 6061, the Secure Fence Act of 2006. This bill will help secure the border and stem the unrelenting flow of illegal aliens into this country by authorizing 700 miles of two-layered reinforced fencing, mandating the Department of Homeland Security to achieve and maintain operational control over the entire border through various methods such as ground sensors, cameras and surveillance technology. It also requires the Department of Homeland Security to provide necessary authority to Border Patrol agents to disable fleeing vehicles, similar to the authority granted to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The provisions in this bill will address our country's vulnerability and strengthen operational controls along our borders. Border fences have a proven success rate in drastically reducing the number of illegal aliens entering our country illegally. When enacted, this bill will dramatically reduce illegal immigration and make us safer.

I have long been committed to stopping the flow of illegal immigration and securing our po-

rous borders. My constituents have made it clear to me they want our borders secure, our laws enforced and the flow of illegal immigration stopped immediately. The recent 22 immigration field hearings held across the country during the month of August yielded the same mandate from the American people, secure the borders now.

The amnesty provisions contained in the Senate-passed immigration reform measure earlier this year would encourage future illegal immigration and reward those who have violated America's laws with a quick and easy path to citizenship. There is more to be done in dealing with illegal immigration, but securing the borders must be the first step. America cannot afford to wait any longer and I will continue to push to secure our borders now.

HONORING PATRICIA HOLSINGER RYAN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Patricia Holsinger Ryan for her years of service to our Middle Tennessee community.

While Patricia recently passed away, we know her legacy is one of charity and dedication. We know that her memory lives on in our memories and in those who benefited from her good works.

Patricia was known for her compassion and care for those in Williamson County's senior homes and Alzheimer centers. She brought her warmth and compassion to those in need.

Her work with mistreated pets across the State meant homes for thousands of unwanted animals, and was yet another sign of Patricia's commitment to giving back more to her community than she took.

We won't forget Patricia and our community is a better place for her life and her work.

INTRODUCTION OF TAXPAYER PROTECTION FROM GENETIC DISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Taxpayer Protection from Genetic Discrimination Act. This bill ensures that no American taxpayer will be denied health care because of his or her genetic history by any agency of the federal government, a state or local government, or a government contractor. Some people have raised concerns that, while recent advances in genetic testing bring much hope of improved medical treatment, the increased use of genetic tests may also result in many people being denied access to health insurance, or even refused employment, because of their genetic history.

I recently met with some of my constituents who are concerned that people with polycentric kidney disease, which can be identified with a genetic test, often lose their insurance coverage because their insurance com-

panies or employers discover they have polycentric kidney disease. Whatever long-term reforms designed to address this problem one favors, I hope that all my colleagues could agree that Congress should make sure that American citizens are not forced to subsidize government agencies or contractors who deny health insurance based on someone's genetic profile. I therefore hope all my colleagues support the Taxpayer Protection from Genetic Discrimination Act.

RECOGNIZING JAMES FRAZIER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Frazier, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 633, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. During his scouting tenure, James has earned the Philmont Scout Ranch Arrowhead, the BSA 50-Miler Patch, and the World Conservation Award.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending James Frazier for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF SATISH KUMAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Satish Kumar, for a lifetime dedicated to teaching and serving as an inspiration to all. Mr. Kumar has done more, seen more, accomplished more and walked more than most and has never ceased in bringing his message to others.

Mr. Kumar started as a Jain monk at the age of nine before being called to greater causes. At 18, Mr. Kumar sought to make Gandhi's vision of a renewed India and peaceful world a reality. To this end Mr. Kumar walked, more than 8,000 miles, from India to four nuclear powers: Russia, France, Britain and the United States, to bring the leader of each a bag of tea and a message of peace and understanding. Carrying no money, he crossed deserts, traversed mountains, withstood snow and was even thrown in jail. Though Herculean in scale, Mr. Kumar's quest was completed, the tea was delivered, and he is still working to bring the message of peace to the world.

Mr. Kumar settled in England in 1973 to become the editor of Resurgence magazine, a post he maintains to this day, as well as the

founder of the Small School in Hartland. The school focuses on combining education with ecological and spiritual values. In 1991, Mr. Kumar helped found Schumacher College, an international center for ecological studies, and serves as its Director of Programmes. Mr. Kumar has also co-founded Jain Spirit, an international magazine that provides insight and information on Jain values and teachings, and helped to establish the School of the Seed, a college devoted to sustainable living in India. At 70, he still offers a weeklong course on Gandhian Values.

When Mr. Kumar was 50 years old he undertook another pilgrimage, once more with no money, he walked the holy sights in Britain, Glastonbury, Canterbury, Lindisfarne and Iona.

In 2000, Mr. Kumar was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Education from the University of Plymouth and in 2001 an Honorary Doctorate in Literature from the University of Lancaster. Mr. Kumar continues to teach, lecture, and run workshops on ecology, holistic education and voluntary simplicity and authors books on the same subjects.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join in honor, gratitude and recognition of Satish Kumar. His neverending quest to encourage and teach serves as an inspiration and his messages of world peace and simple living continues to affect the lives of many. I wish Mr. Kumar, his wife June Mitchell, and son, Mukti Kumar Mitchell, an abundance of health,

peace and happiness as he continues his journey onward from here.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 451, had I been present I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall vote No. 452, had I been present I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall vote No. 453, had I been present I would have voted "yea".

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Clyde Bishop, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine how widespread is the problem and is there adequate criminal enforcement relating to illegal insider trading.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the New Basel Capital Accord.

SD-538

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert T. Howard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology); to be followed by a business meeting off the floor after the first roll call vote, to consider the nomination of Mr. Howard.

SR-418

10:45 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal government's implementation of pay for performance systems for its senior executives, focusing on the regulatory structure for the systems, the agency certification process, and the effectiveness of the role of the Office of Personnel Management in evaluating and monitoring these systems.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine uncollected taxes and issues of transparency relating to deconstructing the tax code, focusing on the 2006 updated estimate of the tax gap by the IRS, examine IRS efforts to close the tax gap as well as legislative solutions to increase tax payer compliance, and explore the transparency of the tax code.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and its impact on United States interests in Central Asia.

SD-538

3:15 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Foreign Relations

To hold joint hearings to examine International Polar Year.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 27

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine new technologies to improve care for people with diabetes and reduce the burden on the health care system, focusing on the development of an artificial pancreas.

SD-342

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 3599, to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico, S. 3794, to provide for the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, S. 3854, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, H.R. 3603, to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and H.R. 5025, to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Biotechnology and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine measures to improve emergency medical care.

SD-430

3 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine United States refugee admissions and policy.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine issues relating to military voting and the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine new aircraft in the National Airspace System.

SR-253